

VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS LHRC  
\*Virtual Meeting\*  
DATE (5/11/2021) & TIME (12:00 PM)  
FINAL MINUTES

LIST MEMBERS PRESENT: Gardner Umbarger, Chairperson; Nancy Munsey, Vice Chair; Barb Bartnik, Secretary

LIST MEMBERS ABSENT: Suzanne Eller; Deidra Mathena; Michelle DeBord

OTHERS PRESENT: Heather Oakes, Human Rights Advocate; Brandon Rotenberry, Human Rights Advocate Supervisor; Matt Woodlee, LMFT; Jim Lundy, SWVMHI

CALL TO ORDER

Gardner Umbarger (Chair) called meeting to order at 12:21p. Those in attendance make introductions.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda, submitted by Heather Oakes, was motioned to be approved at 12:25p by Nancy Munsey, seconded by Barb Bartnik; there were no corrections and the agenda was approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 minutes were motioned at 12:27p to be approved by Barb Bartnik, seconded by Nancy Munsey and were approved.

ADVOCATE ANNOUNCEMENTS and UPDATES

- Mandy Crowder was offered and accepted role of Region 3 Manager for Office of Human Rights
- A Human Rights Advocate position for Region 3 has posted and management has been conducting interviews for the position.
- Office of Human Rights advocates have started making provider visits again, using safety precautions due to COVID.
- DBHDS had our first Town Hall/Listening Session on April 27 with Commissioner Land and Senior Leadership Team.
- Office of Human Rights has been working to improve training for community providers and has new training information on DBHDS website.

SOUTHWESTERN VIRGINIA MENTAL HEALTH INSTITUTE

- Facility updates provided by Matt Woodlee
- Admissions are currently suspended due to outbreak of COVID. SWVMHI has 20 diversions in other state hospitals. Most all state hospitals are at full capacity.

- SWVMHI is currently housing 20 diversions from other hospitals. There are hopes to start admissions again in the next few weeks.
- Jim Lundy presented the Acute Admissions Guide to the committee.

CLOSED (EXECUTIVE) SESSION - Upon a motion made by Gardner Umbarger at 12:34, seconded by Nancy Munsey, the LHRC committee entered closed session pursuant to Virginia Code §2.2-3711, a.15 and §2.2-37.05.5 for the purpose of discussion of medical record / treatment plans.

- Review of Restrictions – Southwestern Virginia Mental Health Institute (Sections 50 and 100)
  - o Upon return to open session, these restrictions were unanimously accepted as presented with no recommendations.
- Review of Restriction- Wall Residences
  - o Upon return to open session, the use of video monitoring was unanimously accepted as presented with no recommendations.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION - Upon reconvening in open session at 12:51p based on a motion from Gardner Umbarger, seconded by Barb Bartnik, the members of the Local Human Rights Committee certified that to the best of each ones' knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempt from statutory open meeting requirements, and only public business matters identified in the motion to convene the closed session were discussed in closed session.

NEXT MEETING – July 13th, 2021 at 12:00p which will be a virtual meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting was adjourned at 12:58p.

These minutes were transcribed by Heather Oakes, Human Rights Advocate.